

CHINA IS A REAL REPUBLIC—DR. SUN YAT SEN ELECTED THE FIRST PRESIDENT

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—A dream of 20 years has come true.

The Republic of China is an actual fact.

And the man who first dreamed the dream, and who was called a madman, has become the first President of the Republic of China.

Early today, the provisional military assembly of the revolution was called together at Nankin.

The Republic was declared, without revocation.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who for years was known as the "Crazy doctor" because he dared to dream of a day when China would be free, was elected President.

Seventeen of the eighteen delegates voted for Dr. Sun on the first ballot. On the next, the dissenting vote was changed, and Dr. Sun became President.

Dr. Sun was notified of his election by wire. He answered as follows:

"I consider it my duty to accept the Presidency. My policy will be to obtain peace and a stable government by the promptest methods possible. My single aim is to insure the peace and contentment of the millions of my countrymen."

Twenty years ago, Dr. Sun Yat Sen began to preach the Republic of China.

"A Republic in China!" his

people jeered. "You're crazy. China always will be ruled by a despot. The people are asleep. They cannot be aroused."

But Sun Yat Sen would not listen to them. He held to his dream. He left China, and preached his doctrines to the Chinese exiles in every country in the world. He gained subscriptions and held them for the time of need.

Ten years ago, the Manchu dynasty put a price on his head, a \$50,000 price.

Sun fled to America. The agents of the imperial government, charged with his assassination followed him.

The agents of the imperial government were foiled time and again, and the doctrines of the "crazy doctor" began to spread among the Chinese resident in America.

The money that was to finance the rebellion grew in amount. And this year it was big enough for the beginning of the fight.

The fight ended this morning, when the Republic of China was born, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen elected President.

The dream had come true. Yuan Shi Kai, the "strong man" whom the imperial government recalled to end the government has taken "sick leave."

Dr. Wu Ting Fang, diplomatist, statesman and farseeing politician, is to be Dr. Sun Yat Sen's foreign minister and closest adviser.